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The Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D. C. 20505

> NFAC 4731-81 30 July 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of SIGINT operations

FROM:

Richard Lehman

Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT:

NIO/Special Activities

REFERENCE:

Your Memorandum dated 17 July 1981, SUBJECT: Position of NIO/Special Activities and Recommendation of Candidate

1. Thanks for your memorandum which I have discussed with Harry Rowen. We are agreed that the function is an extremely valuable one, as you demonstrated when you ran it. We are uncertain, however, whether it is a proper function for the NIC. Recognizing that it might be the kiss of death, wouldn't an SA office be better placed in the IC Staff as the latter is reconstituted? In any case, the DCI's views on what he wants the NIC to do (or not to do) have not yet jelled.

2. Dick would be a good man in that sort of thing, wherever it is located.

Richard Lehman

cc: DD/NFA D/PP

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